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Mr Peter D Jones
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Dear Mr Jones

Thank you for your letter of 27 December 2005 regarding signs in the Sundown Point State Reserve.

I am advised these signs have been erected to discourage the public from bathing in or drinking from the creek, as a result of the identification of contaminants following water testing.

The water is polluted due to a rubbish tip site which was previously located upstream from the state reserve. The rubbish tip was closed in the late 1980s. Rubbish disposed at the tip site included household waste, machinery, fuels and agricultural chemicals.

Please be assured that leaching of pollutants from this tip site is a concern which is being addressed by the Parks and Wildlife Service with a view to cleaning out and rehabilitating the site.

Should you wish to further discuss this matter or any other issues in relation to the management of the reserve, please do not hesitate to contact the ranger in charge at Arthur River, Ms Lalani Hyatt, on 0429 967 079.

Thank you for writing to me about your concerns and I trust that you will continue to enjoy visiting the Arthur Pieman Conservation Area and the Sundown Point State Reserve.

Yours sincerely

Judy Jackson MHA
MINISTER FOR PARKS AND HERITAGE